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CURRENT LOCAL LACONICS.

Brief Mention of What Is Going On In and About Titusville.

Send your watches for repairs to W. M. Woodward, Titusville. Work guaranteed.

Miss Myra Williams, of Rockledge, is visiting friends in this town this week.

Miss Bessie Hall is at Green Cove Springs for a week's visit with friends, for which place she left Monday afternoon.

The eighth annual commencement exercises of the John B. Stetson university commence at DeLand today and close next Tuesday, the 28th inst.

Judge Jones returned home from Osceola county Sunday, where he held circuit court last week and disposed of a number of cases. He did not go to Orlando.

Judge and Mrs. A. D. Penney and little Miss Lollie went to Cocoa Sunday on account of the illness of the judge, who was under the care of Dr. Hughlett for a few days.

Archdeacon B. F. Brown will hold divine service on Sunday next at Eden-Tibballs at 10:30 a. m. and at Waveland-Jensen at 3:30 p. m. Also at St. Martin's church, Jupiter, on Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

A change of schedule on the F. E. C. railway went into effect Monday, May 20th, by which the northbound train arrives earlier, at 1:46 p. m. instead of 2:01 p. m. Corrected schedule will appear in THE STAR next week.

A heavy windstorm from the south-east and south blew all day Monday and Monday night and Tuesday, then gradually veered to the westward accompanied by rain. Several boats dragged anchors Monday afternoon, but no damage was sustained.

We regret to learn from the Kissimmee Valley-Gazette that on Tuesday two weeks ago the store of Tom Alderman, at Bassinger, was completely destroyed by fire. The building and contents, except the grain, were entirely consumed, entailing a loss of over \$2,000.

Sheriff Brown went to Osteen Wednesday to take in custody from a Volusia county deputy sheriff a negro who shot another negro at Turnbull about a week or ten days ago. The two negroes fired at each other several times at a turpentine still near Turnbull, when one was shot through the leg.

Mrs. F. A. Shad, of Jacksonville, accompanied by her daughter and little son, arrived Tuesday. Mrs. Shad spent a day with her sister, Mrs. Henry T. Titus, and on account of her daughter's ill health in Jacksonville, allowed her children to remain here for a while, hoping the change will be beneficial, Mrs. S. returning home Wednesday.

Among the further improvements that are being made on property in Titusville by the colored people, in addition to the mention made on this line last week, Alex. Forster has improved his building; Isaac Jones has improved his lot by buying a house and moving same on to it; Joe Green is going to put another addition to his house, and Nathan Webber will do the same. All this work will be done by W. H. Walstine.

A commodious cabin sloop yacht arrived here Wednesday afternoon from Lake Worth with the following party of young folks aboard: Miss Neale Miller, Miss Leila Anthony, Miss Evelyn Clark, and Messrs. H. J. Anthony, Dale Miller, Irving Burdette and George Adams. They spent a day here visiting friends, returning southward yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Anthony joined the party here Wednesday as they were on their way to West Palm Beach.

Seaboard Train Wrecked.

News reached Columbia, S. C., Tuesday night of the wreck in a washout of the Seaboard Air Line vestibuled south-bound train, near North. The engineer was buried under the engine. Officials will give no information. It is known that the wreck blocks the track. The Southern agreed to take the Seaboard train into Columbia via Fairfax, but a big trestle on that road was washed out that night. So both the main lines of this road between Columbia and Florida are disabled.

FOR SALE.

Four Grist Champion Pit gamecocks, 10 Grist Champion hens, and 50 young Grist Champion chicks, March and April hatch; 1 pair gaffs, Helwig's make, 2 1/2 inches long. Will sell cheap; am going out of the business. Write for prices. M. G. ELLIS, Melbourne, Fla.

MINIS.

Mrs. C. S. Ballou is treating her house to a new coat of paint.

Mrs. Gardiner, of LaGrange, has been spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Day.

Mrs. Beck and Miss Jennie left Monday for Jacksonville, where they join Mr. Beck. They will make their home in South Jacksonville for the present.

The series of meetings begun May 12th continued until Tuesday night. The congregations were good at all the services and the interest remained unabated. The faithful service of Evangelist York and of the pastor in charge was appreciated by the people, and the close of the meetings brought regret to all.

Redistricted Florida.

In redistricting the state so as to provide for the additional congressman gained by the last federal census, the legislature has been governed by four considerations: Contiguity of territory, compactness of territory, approximate equality in population and approximately equal division of sea coast in each district. The first three of these are required by the reapportionment act of congress, while the last named requisite was born of a desire to secure for all the ports along Florida's thirteen hundred miles of sea coast as large a portion as possible of the appropriations for river and harbor improvement.

This has resulted in dividing the state into three "shoe-string" districts, one formed by the long strip extending for three hundred miles west of the Suwannee river, along the north gulf coast, another of the western half of the peninsula and the third of the Florida east coast. Although some of the opponents of the plan adopted fought it because they considered it a division of the state in the interest of the railroad corporations, it is thought the new division is more satisfactory than any other which could have been made in a state so irregularly shaped as Florida.

Representative Sparkman will still be in the first district, and the new second district will include the home of Representative Davis. The third, or West Florida, district will have to find a new man for congress.

Appointed Sponsors.

D. U. Fletcher, commander of the Florida division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, has appointed as sponsors for the Florida division at the reunion at Memphis, Miss Liella C. Reese, of Pensacola, daughter of Gen. George Reese, better known now as Judge Reese, and as maid of honor Miss Lizzie W. Frater, also of Pensacola, daughter of the county treasurer. Arrangements have been made for the entertainment of the sponsors and maids of honor and they will be royally entertained.

Lawsuits Burned Away.

Jacksonville Metropolis.

Legally, Duval county is in a bad fix. R. M. Call, judge of the Fourth judicial circuit of Florida, was asked when there would be a term of the circuit court held in this city again, and he said that it was impossible to answer the question, as there was nothing to proceed with, all records and court papers having been burned in the fire of May 3, and nearly all of the law books in the city.

One of the results of the fire is the complete wiping out of lawsuits, as a prominent lawyer said it was utterly impossible to re-establish some papers. Since the commencing of the suits the original litigants had died, and the suits were proceeded with by others on the records left by deceased. The dead cannot be brought to life nor the records re-established from ashes and smoke. Of course, the papers in suits can be drawn again, where all parties thereto are living and familiar with the facts.

To Aid the Orphans.

Having started a fund to aid the orphan children who were left entirely destitute by the recent Jacksonville fire, and who are now at the convent in St. Augustine, would respectfully request my friends and neighbors to kindly assist by contributing either money or clothing which will be forwarded at an early date.

MRS. CHARLES H. RACEY, Waveland, Fla.

NOTICE.

Tax payers take notice! The tax books of the town of Titusville, Fla., will positively close on June 3rd. Books open every day at the court house.

By order of the town council.

M. S. JONES, JR., Tax Collector.

BITS OF FACT AND GOSSIP.

Current Events of the Present Week Portrayed in Brief.

Mr. J. F. Wooten, of Cocoa, spent a part of Wednesday and yesterday in Titusville.

Rev. T. E. York will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The Cherokee club held a dance at the opera house last night, music furnished for this occasion by the new orchestra.

Capt. Jas. Pritchard is shortly expecting to erect a new Aermotor windmill and galvanized steel tower with tank in same on his premises.

The people of colored town return many thanks to the white citizens of this place for fibering the street leading from town to the camp meeting ground.

Rev. J. A. Hughes was quite ill the first of the week, in consequence of which no services were held at the Presbyterian church that day. He is now considerably improved.

Mr. E. L. Brady is having repairs made to his dwelling, which is being attended to by Mr. P. J. Hall. Tax Collector Hall is having further improvements made in his cottage by Mr. Stumpe.

There will be a grand rally at the A. M. E. church Sunday, May 26th, to which all are invited. The purpose of this rally is to raise funds to renew the seats in the church building.

The grand jury for the spring term of the circuit court of Hillsborough county will go down in history as one of the most remarkable in that county. It was in session just one week, having adjourned Tuesday. It is remarkable for the fact that it is the first one organized in that county that failed to return to the court one or more indictments.

A negro named Ed. McDonald was arrested Tuesday on the charge of cutting one of his race, Richard Milton, with a knife. The preliminary hearing was held yesterday morning before Judge Penney, who acted as judge and prosecuting attorney in the absence of Prosecuting Attorney Andrews, and MacDonald was bound over to appear at the August term of the county court.

THE WHITE STORE.

We guarantee better goods for less money than any house in the county. W. J. CRAYFORD.

Amended Road Law.

The following is the amended road law for Brevard county which has just been passed by the legislature:

Section 1. That each county commissioner's district in the county of Brevard is hereby made a road district. The board of county commissioners shall elect one general superintendent or two general superintendents of the roads and bridges throughout the said county, and shall fix his or their compensation, whose duties shall be as set forth in said chapter 4777, and as may be prescribed by the board of county commissioners.

Section 2. That section 3 of said chapter 4777 of the laws of Florida be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 3. All contracts relating to road and bridge work shall be let out by the board of county commissioners of said county to the lowest bona fide bidders, the board having the right to reject any and all bids by a vote of not less than three members, and such contracts shall contain specifications as to the location, class, nature and amount of work to be performed under them, which shall be prepared under the supervision of the board of county commissioners; provided, that if bids are rejected by such vote as not being satisfactory, or if no bids are submitted in response to advertisement therefor, the board of county commissioners may proceed to have such work done at such time, in such manner and to such extent as it may determine to be for the best interest of the county and within the limitations of said act, chapter 4777 of the laws of Florida.

FOR RENT CHEAP.

Seven rooms, suitable for boarding; Scrimgeour building. Apply R. C. Doom, Titusville. Call on S. G. Vaulandingham at the lumber yard for particulars.

FOR RENT.

Dwelling with six rooms, dining room and kitchen, eligibly located in Titusville, with or without electric lights. Price very reasonable. Further particulars inquire at THE STAR office.

GASOLINE ENGINES.

Illustrated folder free. Address W. P. UNDERWOOD, Agt., Roseland, Fla.

Scholarships Already Filled.

For the benefit of those who may be preparing to take the examination for Peabody scholarships this summer, will you kindly give notice through your columns that all scholarships which were to have been filled in Florida this year have already been filled by the chancellor of the college.

Chancellor Payne has notified me that he has awarded three scholarships to citizens of Florida who were attending college at their own expense, it being the custom to give the preference to such persons. There being no other vacant scholarships, no examination will be held this year.

W. N. SHEATS,

State Supt. of Public Instruction. Tallahassee, May 20th.

Money For the State Fair.

Times-Union and Citizen.

When the state fair project was first suggested, and afterwards Jacksonville selected as the site, it was the purpose of the association to plan on quite an extensive scale, to erect attractive buildings, and the necessary money was in sight, but now that misfortune has overtaken Jacksonville these plans have been suddenly changed, because if it is decided to still hold the fair here (and it seems that this is the wish of the people of Florida) Jacksonville will not be called upon for a dollar, nor would it be right to impose even this slight burden upon her people. If the state gives the fair association \$2,500 we feel confident the people throughout the state will contribute as much more, and this will successfully conduct the fair on the modest lines proposed; but if the state does not appropriate this small sum it may be probable that the state fair must be abandoned.

Cocoa Gun Club.

COCOA, FLA., May 18.

Editor The Florida Star:

The Cocoa gun club held a very pleasant meet on the club grounds Friday, the 17th. There were two events. First, the silver team cup, won by the Cocoa team on May day, was shot for by the members, the one winning it three times to become its owner. Fred Travis won it the first time, and Ronald won it yesterday. The gold medal, won by Frank Wooten with a score of 23 out of 25, was again shot for yesterday, and our "little shure-shot" Wooten captured it again in the sweepstake shooting. Dr. Hill won first money in one, and Steve Jones in the second. The boys are taking a lively interest in trap shooting, and are looking forward for the big meet on the Titusville club grounds July 4th. TENDERFOOT.

Editor Comments on Preacher.

The Tampa Tribune says: Sam Jones has stirred up Waycross and he is now doing the same thing for Savannah. Why not Tampa next? Mr. Jones has a peculiar regard for Tampa. He says that "if there was ever a people and city headed for hell, it's Tampa." From a geological standpoint he thinks the earth's crust is thinner at Tampa than most places, and as a result we have a pretty warm town. While Mr. Jones has paid Tampa one unprofitable visit from the standpoint of the great success he has had in other places, still we hope he won't despair. Why not give Tampa and the devil hereabouts another whirl? For despite the hard things Mr. Jones says and the hard things other people say of him, he is undoubtedly a man of force and power and of good intents and purposes. There is no doubt but that he reaches the minds and hearts of people no one else can reach. There is no doubt but that the good he does outweighs the harm his critics allege to him. And there is no doubt but that as good as Tampa is, she is no better and in fact not so good as she ought to be.

ONIONS FOR SALE.

Fine, new Yellow Bermudas at \$3.00 per barrel, f. o. b.

G. KROEGER, Sebastian, Fla.

Ocean Steamship Company.

On your return north take the ocean trip, it will benefit your health and is the most pleasant way of traveling. If interested write the undersigned for full particulars, sailing dates, etc., via this most popular and fast route. Reservations made in advance for you. Three ships a week from Savannah for New York, leaving Savannah Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Little over two days' ocean trip. Persons at any point on Indian river can have reservations made and can be supplied with tickets by applying to E. B. WAGER, agent, Titusville, Fla.

LATEST NEWS AND INCIDENTS.

Matters of Interest That Are Happening Around Town.

Mr. W. G. Frink, of Bonaventure, was in town this week on a business trip.

The yawl Pinta, of St. Augustine, was anchored off the city wharf for several days the first part of the week.

Mrs. J. S. Mathison arrived in town the first of the week from Jupiter to look after property interests here, and to spend a few days.

Mr. Jas. E. Andrews returned yesterday from attending the Horticultural society meet in St. Augustine, and a short trip to Jacksonville.

Mr. J. D. Wright arrived home Sunday from West Palm Beach, where he has been for the past five months. He is now running on the Sanford branch.

Mr. R. C. Doom, who has secured the Scrimgeour building, corner Main and Washington, is preparing to open a restaurant. He expects his uncle from Kentucky to arrive the first of next week.

Master Mark Brown entertained a number of his little friends at an afternoon party Wednesday, from 3 to 6 o'clock. Games and refreshments of several kinds made a happy time for the little folks.

Messrs. E. L. Brady, Wade H. Jones and M. S. Jones, Jr., were in Cocoa Tuesday attending the meeting of the Democratic county executive committee, returning Tuesday night, coming up via the county road with Chas. W. Crabb.

We have received from Messrs. O. K. Houck & Co., the publishers, a copy of the U. C. V. march, composed by Theo. H. Northrup, respectfully dedicated to the United Confederate Veterans. It is a brilliant composition on the two-step order, and will no doubt meet with a ready sale. Price 50 cents.

The Sanford branch of the F. E. C. railway has been doing an excellent business this year so far—more like the business in the palmier days when the J. T. & K. W. was the chief inlet and outlet to the whole Indian river country. Considerable freight comes over this division northbound, while a large freight in crates, etc., comes via this route bound south.

Rev. W. T. Laine and wife, of Sebastian, expect to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of their wedding at the parsonage, Sebastian, next Tuesday, May 28th, to which a large number of invitations have been sent out to their very special friends. The occasion will no doubt be a very enjoyable one not only to Mr. Laine and his "better-half," but to their friends also.

Mr. R. B. Burchiel, formerly county surveyor of this county, writing to the editor from Kansas says: "Everything is prospering here. Southern Kansas will roll up an enormous wheat crop this year. Life is one continual rush between railway surveying, county surveying, city engineering, wheat growing, cattle raising. When I am not in my buggy with transit, I am in the saddle after cattle and farm hands."

The merry-go-round did a rushing business Saturday night, as that was their last run. Every seat and horse was filled until late that night. The owners, we understand, say that Titusville is the best town for their business they have struck this side of Coney island. Whether this can be considered as a compliment or not we leave for our readers to determine themselves.

Seaboard's Low Rate to Buffalo.

On account of the Pan-American exposition, the Seaboard Air Line railway is selling tickets from stations on its lines to Buffalo at very low rates. This company offers the choice of two routes, with the fastest and most convenient schedules ever enjoyed to Buffalo, either via all rail route through Richmond and Washington, or through Portsmouth and Norfolk, thence a delightful sea trip to the east where connections are made with the great trunk lines direct to the Rainbow city. These routes are positively the most convenient and attractive to Buffalo, and it will interest and benefit you to call on Seaboard Air Line railway agents before completing arrangements for your trip.

NOTICE.

A general meeting will be held at the town hall at Jensen on Saturday, June 1st, at 1 p. m. sharp, for the purpose of forming a permanent good roads association. All that are in favor of same are urgently requested to be present.

C. H. RACEY, Chairman Committee.